



South Florida Water Management District

GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

This meeting is open to the public

February 11, 2009

1:00 PM

District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium

3301 Gun Club Road

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members.

The Governing Board may take official action at this meeting on any item appearing on this agenda and on any item that is added to this agenda as a result of a change to the agenda approved by the presiding officer of the meeting pursuant to Section 120.525, Florida Statutes. The order of items appearing on the agenda is subject to change during the meeting and is at the discretion of the presiding officer. Public comment will be taken after each presentation and before any Governing Board action(s) except for Governing Board hearings that involve the issuance of final orders based on recommended Orders received from the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

- 1. Call to Order** - Eric Buermann, Chairman, Governing Board
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** - Eric Buermann, Chairman, Governing Board
- 3. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the January 12, 2009, Workshop and the January 13, 2009, Regular Business Meetings held in West Palm Beach, Florida
- 4. Agenda Addendum** - Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board and Executive Services
- 5. Abstentions by Board Members from items on the Workshop Agenda**
- 6. Pull Items for Discussion from Consent Agenda**

Water Resources
- 7. Overview of Applied Research Projects Supporting District Activities** - Dean Powell, Director, Watershed Management Department (ext. 6787)

Everglades Restoration

8. 'River of Grass' Project Update:

A) Introduction and Overview - Carol Wehle, Executive Director (ext. 2893)

B) Purchase and Sale Contract / Lease Agreement - Kirk Burns, Sr. Practice Expert, Office of Counsel (ext. 6546)

Approve Schedule 4 (Best Management Practices Plan) to the Lease Agreement, Exhibit 19.e. to the Agreement for Sale and Purchase between United States Sugar Corporation, et al. and SFWMD dated December 23, 2008.

C) Legal Update - Sheryl Wood, General Counsel, Office of Counsel (ext. 6976)

D) Financing Update - Paul Dumars, Sr., Chief financial Officer, Executive Office (ext. 6212)

E) 'River of Grass' Restoration Project - Tommy Strowd, Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration (ext. 4210)

F) Economic Transition Activities - Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Government and Public Affairs (ext. 6232)

G) Legislative Presentations and Next Steps - Carol Wehle, Executive Director (ext. 2893)

9. Everglades Restoration Update - Tommy Strowd, Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration (ext. 4210)

10. Miami-Dade Water Use Permit Compliance Update - Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources (ext. 6597)

11. Seasonal Agricultural Canal Drawdown in South Miami-Dade County - Dewey Worth, Director, Southern Everglades Restoration Planning Division, Everglades Restoration (ext. 3715)

Executive Office

12. Overview of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes - Public Procurement (Continued) - Sheryl G. Wood, General Counsel, Carlyn Kowalsky, Managing Attorney, and Cathy Linton, Sr. Supv Attorney, Office of Counsel (Ext. 6976, 6240 and 6322)

Operations and Maintenance

13. Invasive & Exotic Species Management Program Update - Dan Thayer, Department Director, Vegetation & Land Management, Operations & Maintenance (ext. 6129)

14. Adjourn